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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mitchell R. Dorfman et al

Filed: December 7, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No: 10/008,894

Examiner: Christopher A. Fiorilla

For: PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER AND IMPROVED THERMAL

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to office action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please replace the current title with the following: -- METHOD OF PRODUCING A PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the current claims with the complete set of amended claims below:

1. (Amended) A method of producing a pre-alloyed stabilized zirconia powder comprising the steps of: